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FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES SENTENCED FOR BRIBERY

SENTENCES RANGE FROM 2 - 10 YEARS -- Wola Lodu, No 17, 14 Dec 49

The Appellate Court in Warsaw convicted eight former employees of the Central Administration of Meat Industry, the Peasant's Self-Help cooperatives, and the Spolek consumers' cooperatives for bribery and abuses in livestock transactions. Losses to the state amount to many millions of zlotys.

The employees were charged with forging bills of sale informing private dealers as to future livestock purchases and with disorganizing the plan for cattle-raising economy, which harmed rural cooperatives.

The court meted out the following prison sentences: Jerzy Dabrowski, 10 years; Roman Klawa, 5 years; Czeslaw Witkowski, 5 years; Jozef Bakowski, 4 years; Grzegorz Zeryglewicz, 3 years; and Tadeusz Zfelinski, 2 years. Janusz Boniecki and Stefan Marjan Piotrowski received suspended sentences.

LOT EMPLOYEE EMBEZZLES MONEY -- Zycie Warszawy, No 330 Nov 49

Paris (PAP) -- Makowski, former manager of the Paris branch of the Polish Airline (LOT), embezzled approximately 9 million francs of the firm's money. In spite of an official complaint lodged by LOT with the French prosecutor, Makowski has not been arrested for the crime. Nordman, a lawyer representing LOT, stated this was a case without precedent. As a rule, a foreigner in France is placed under arrest if he embezzles only a few thousand francs.

INDICTS WARSAW SABOTEURS -- Trybuna Lodu, No 336 6 Dec 49

The trial of former employees of the Municipal Administration charged with sabotaging reconstruction work in Warsaw was begun before the District Military Court on 5 December 1949.

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The defendants are: engineer Zdzislaw Kucharski, architectural engineer Michal Wasilewski, building technician Anatol Marciniak, building technician Edward Iwinski, contractor Witold Szablewski, architect Janusz Purzycki, lawyer Nicefor Jasinski, architectural engineer Helena Kaminska, inspector Katarzyna Sobieska, engineer Jan Sniegowski, and building technician Alfred Guzik.

The indictment charges that the defendants, in their capacity as employees of the Warsaw Municipal Administration, have systematically sabotaged the activities of the Department of Building Inspection of Warsaw to such a degree that a change in the general plans is necessary.

The defendants are charged with condemning buildings which were not a menace to public safety, contrary to the planned reconstruction program, assigning wrecking jobs to unqualified contractors, and taking bribes. Demolitions handled by unqualified contractors, in one instance, resulted in the collapse of a wall and the death of one worker. In another case, a falling wall crushed a nearby taxicab and killed its occupant.

Losses caused by the defendants' action amounted to many hundred million zlotys.

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